

United States, have turned National Women's History Month into a major local learning experience and celebration;

Whereas the popularity of women's history celebrations has sparked a new interest in uncovering women's forgotten heritage;

Whereas the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History was established to consider how best to acknowledge and celebrate the roles and accomplishments of women in the history of the United States;

Whereas the National Women's History Museum was founded in 1996 as an institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women, and integrating this rich heritage fully into the Nation's teachings and history books; and

Whereas the theme of National Women's History Month for 2010 is writing women back into history: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes March 2010 as National Women's History Month;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of National Women's History Month; and

(3) recognizes and honors the women and organizations in the United States that have fought for and continue to promote the teaching of women's history.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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On page 3, line 4, insert " , before February 1, 2015," after "provision".

On page 3, lines 18 and 19, strike "relief" and all that follows through "Haiti." and insert "relief and debt service relief for Haiti and, before February 1, 2015, to provide grants for Haiti."

On page 4, line 7, insert "and future generations" after "Haiti's future".

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Strike the 8th whereas clause of the preamble.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 26, 2010, at 9 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Randy Aussenberg and Ivie English of the Finance Committee staff be accorded the privilege of the floor for today's session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLARIFYING MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE

Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Veterans Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 3162 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title. The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3162) to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. KAUFMAN. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 3162) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 3162

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS THAT CONSTITUTES MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (v) of section 5000A(f)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by section 1501(b) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, is amended to read as follows:

"(v) chapter 17 or 18 of title 38, United States Code, or otherwise under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, of an individual entitled to coverage under such chapter or laws for essential health benefits (as defined by the Secretary for purposes of section 1302(b) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) insofar as such benefits are available under such chapter or laws; or".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if

included in section 1501(b) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and shall be executed immediately after the amendments made by such section 1501(b).

PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF THE CENSUS ACT

Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4621, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4621) to protect the integrity of the constitutionality mandated United States census and prohibit deceptive mail practices that attempt to exploit the decennial census.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. KAUFMAN. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 4621) was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

HAITI DEBT RELIEF AND EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY ACT OF 2010

Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4573, which was received from the House.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4573) to urge the Secretary of the Treasury to instruct the United States Executive Directors at the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and other multilateral development institutions to use the voice, vote, and influence of the United States to cancel immediately and completely Haiti's debts to such institutions, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a Dodd amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to; the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed; the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 3718) was agreed to, as follows:

On page 3, line 4, insert " , before February 1, 2015," after "provision".

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